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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF

Subject: AK Steel Dearborn Works – Civil Action No. 15-cv-11804
DJ # 90-5-2-1-10702

Dear Mr. Combs:

Thank you for your April 30, 2019 letter containing the Continuous Opacity Monitoring (COM) data for the first quarter of 2019. This letter was submitted in accordance with Paragraph 20 of the Consent Decree in the above-referenced action. In it, you discuss possible factors causing the increased number of opacity exceedances and the corrective actions AK Steel has undertaken. You also note that AK Steel is looking into additional measures to minimize future exceedances.

EPA has reviewed the COM data and consulted with the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy, in accordance with Paragraph 22 of the Consent Decree. Both agencies have concluded that the preventative actions described in the letter are not detailed enough for us to accept, particularly given the alarming increase in the number of opacity events.

Given the above, we request that your counsel contact Louise Gross in Region 5's Office of Regional Counsel to discuss how the company can best provide EPA with the additional information it needs to make its assessment under Paragraph 22 of the Consent Decree. Ms. Gross can be reached at (312) 886-6844 and gross.louise@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Brian H. Dickens", is written over a horizontal line.

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